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... And From The Student Activities Office

ELECTIONS

A special Student Government election for the offices of Student Commissioner, Student Government Treasurer, and Freshman Representative will be held on February 19th.

Voting will take place in the West Building from 9-12:30, and in the Main Building from 1-4 outside the rear entrance to the auditorium. Students who qualify and wish to run for these offices must sign up no later than Feb. 16 in the student activities office. If there are any questions concerning qualifications, the elections, or procedures, contact Student Government or Student Activities.

There will be a Meet The Candidates session on Feb. 18 at 11:00 a.m. in the auditorium. Students can meet the prospective candidates and make their choice.

GLAMOUR COMES TO G.C.C.

Glamour's Ten Outstanding College Girls contest, an annual search for top college girls who represent the best of each year's changing campus life, invites Greenfield Community College to enter one exceptional girl to be selected on the following basis:

Her leadership in some worthwhile activity, either on campus or in the community, politics, the arts, social science, the sciences, special honors, fellowship or field work programs, her commitments to doing something about one's world.

Prizes for the contest are national recognition in the August issue of Glamour Magazine and an all-expense paid trip to Spain and Portugal. Girls interested in the contest should contact Brian Gilmore in the Student Activities Office. The deadline for the contest is Feb. 15, 1971.

Starting Wednesday, February 3 there will be free skiing instructions for all students at Mt. Mohawk, Route 2 in Greenfield. Skiing will take place between 1 and 4 p.m. Students will be admitted free if they are at the ski area before 2:15 p.m. Lessons will be given by student volunteers under the direction of Mr. Foster. Students who do not have their own equipment may rent items at Mt. Mohawk or Clark's Sport Shop at a cost of \$2.50.

The Student Government of Greenfield Community College has made \$250.00 available to the Peewee Hockey League of Greenfield. It will be used to sponsor a lecture and movie to raise money for the league. Ed Westfall of the Boston Bruins will talk on hockey and show the film. Date and time to be announced.

A bail fund of \$1,000.00 has been appropriated by the Student Government. This is

available to any student at Greenfield Community College. It is being administered by the Student Government and the Director of Student Activities.

Anyone interested in working on the Social Activity Committee should plan to attend the meeting on February 11. The Student Government meeting starts at 11:00 a.m. and the Social Activity committee will meet immediately following that meeting in the West Building, Room 205.

On February 11 local officers of the Internal Revenue Service will be in the Auditorium at 11:00 a.m. to help students with their income tax problems and filling out their income tax forms.

On February 16 at 2:00 p.m. there will be a meeting of any faculty, staff or students interested in forming a bowling team. They will meet in the Student Activities Office, West Building.

On February 18 at 11:00 a.m. there will be a meeting of all students interested in forming a track team for this spring. They will meet in the Student Activities Office, West Building.

On February 22 at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium, Priscilla Orr from the Vera Institute of Justice will speak on criminal reform. She is a supervisor of screening for the Institute in New York.

On February 25 at 11:00 a.m. in the auditorium, Brad Whipple, one of the first members of the Peace Corps, will speak on the benefits of joining the Peace Corps, the problems and interesting aspects of working with underprivileged people.

On February 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the auditorium there will be a film, "Barefoot in the Park." FREE ADMISSION!

Work on the spring production of "Man of La Mancha" will begin soon. All interested in working on this production are asked to see Miss Carroll. Auditions will take place February 3, 4, 8 and 9 in the Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

There will be a Freshman Class meeting on February 16 at 2:15 p.m. in the Auditorium. Now is a good time to meet and work on this semester's plans.

The Freshman Class is sponsoring a Hoot-n-anny on February 26 at 8:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. People playing guitars or who have sheet music should see Steve Belliveau if they would like to be included in the program.

There will be a spaghetti supper sponsored by the Athletic Club on February 11 at (Continued on Page Three)

Welsh Is New Assistant To Dean Padgug

Robert J. Welsh of 12 Severance Street, Shelburne Falls, has been appointed Assistant to the Dean of Faculty at Greenfield Community College, Acting President Jacob B. Padgug announced today.

In this capacity, Welsh will direct evening division credit



courses and the summer school and coordinate the cooperative education program for students who take on-the-job experience in the community. He will also serve as staff specialist for vocational education and conduct courses in marketing and business.

Walsh is a native of Auburn, N.Y., and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Syracuse University, where he was recently awarded the degree of Doctor of Education. His doctoral dissertation was in the field of consumer education.

Economist To Speak On Pollution

The economics of environment will be discussed in the College auditorium on



Tuesday evening, February 9, by Professor N. Eugene Engel of the University of Massachusetts.

Professor Engel will talk about the identification of environmental problems, the cause of the sudden crisis, the alternative solutions to the problems of the environment, and the cost of the solutions. (Continued On Page Two)



FORUM student associate editor Bill Ewing interviews US Representative Silvio O. Conte during a recent visit to Greenfield by the Congressman.

Representative Silvio Conte Wants Draft Abolished But Warns Of High Cost

Last month President Nixon proposed a merger of the Peace Corps and VISTA, establishing a national service organization with branches at home and abroad. The FORUM wondered if this might be the first speculative step by the President towards fulfilling his pledge to abolish the draft by providing the means to fulfill one's military obligation in a non-military national organization. An interview was arranged with Congressman Silvio Conte to discover what rumors or repercussions are circulating in Washington.

Unfortunately, Rep. Conte had not heard the President's announcement and was unable to comment on it directly. However he did put forth some of his own views on the draft and provided some insight into the probability of its abolition.

Conte said that he "would like" very much to see the draft abolished, but that "it would cost a tremendous amount of money" to revamp the military services to make them more appealing to career-minded individuals.

Commenting on the recent

directives from the Army and Navy high commands liberalizing dress codes and less stringent off-duty requirements, Conte stated that these were just a few of the changes necessary to establish a professional armed forces, and that more changes would be needed. Conte said that he believed the directives were a result of Presidential suggestions, reflecting Nixon's desire to enhance the military image.

Asked if he thought the Peace Corps-VISTA merger might lead to a national service program whose volunteers would be draft-exempt, fulfilling their military obligation by non-military service, Conte stated that he had not heard anything in Washington concerning the move, but was "not pessimistic about that". He subsequently stressed the fact that legislation takes a long time to travel from conception to passage, and a bill of this nature may have already be introduced. However, there have been no hearings on the matter.

Sarge Urges Students To Register To Vote

Gov. Francis W. Sargent has asked the College to urge 18-year-olds to register to vote in national elections and 19 and 20-year-olds to register to vote in state and national elections. The request

came in a letter to Dr. Turner from Philip D. Lerner, special assistant to the Governor for youth affairs.

The new laws affecting voting (Continued on Page Two)



Dan LaRose chats with student government president Brian McKenna during the President's Reception for the graduating class last spring.

Introducing:

The first eighteen years of Danny LaRose's life were, in his own words, "uneventful". He was raised in Northampton and attended Northampton High School, "flunking miserably" in the college prep courses there. He switched to the General Business courses and squeezed out C's and C+'s in shop, shorthand and related courses.

Today he teaches psychology here at the College, armed with a bachelor's degree in psychology, a master's in guidance counseling and a membership in Alpha Chi, a national honor society similar to Phi Beta Kappa. He was instrumental in setting up HOTLINE and in the establishing of a summer program here for academically deficient students.

What changed Danny LaRose's life from that of thousands of other untrained, unskilled, high school graduates was started, believe it or not, at Greenfield Community College. In April of his senior year, at

the urging of certain individuals, he applied to and was accepted at the college. He discovered that in contrast to his discipline-oriented high school curriculum, where the instructors were "primarily interested in running a smooth operation", Greenfield Community College had a "small, tightly knit faculty of real human beings" who were "interested in more than just teaching classes". He found himself more interested and more motivated, and graduated with close to a 3.0 average. Dr. Turner, who at the time was teaching psychology, influenced him to further his studies at AIC in Springfield.

For his practicum at AIC, he chose to return to Greenfield to set up a counseling program for the student body. He considered the major need of many students that of "needing the necessary motivation, and finding a direction," and felt that he could "add to their experience." His practical counseling lasted the spring term.

He returned to Springfield, graduated with awards in leadership and achievement and returned once more to Greenfield Community College. That summer he helped institute a summer program to provide academic and emotional aid to "high risk" students enrolled for the fall semester.

Since that first summer Mr. LaRose has been involved in a variety of teaching and counseling projects at the College and in the community. His wife is a psychiatric aide in the mental health unit at Franklin County Public Hospital. They have a son 22 months old.

—YOU AND YOUR FOOD

LIBRARY EXHIBIT
February 16-26, 1971
in
Reference Room

- *Four Basic Food Groups
- *Recommended Daily Requirements
- *Food Values
- *World Food Problems
- *Food Fads
- *Obesity

ALL ARE WELCOME

Careers Boutique Student Field Trip Can Open Doors

What seems to be a little known fact at The College is the availability of job placement services to students before graduation. Companies like John Hancock, Aetna, Pratt and Whitney, and the U. S. Civil Service Commission are just a few examples of the applications and interview requests received by Miss Campbell prior to each graduation period.

In an effort to expand this service to its fullest potential, Miss Campbell is announcing a careers field trip to Boston this month. On Feb. 9, Graham Junior College is sponsoring a "Career Boutique" similar to the Careers Exposition held last month in Boston. Companies like Northeast Airlines, New England Telephone, State Street Bank, and IRS will participate.

Students interested in taking advantage of the careers trip should take into consideration the advice of Miss Campbell: "What many of the students don't seem to understand, is that they have to be aggressive, and go out and look for these well-paying jobs which many times will be outside of this immediate area." She cites public meetings like the Careers Exposition and this forthcoming Careers Boutique as being excellent opportunities to meet prospective employers.

Drug Raid Busts Student

A GCC student and a young man were arrested in Greenfield Feb. 1, and charged with having 43 Kilos of marijuana in their possession.

Ellen R. Herbert and Craig Watkins were arrested at Miss Herbert's home where State Police confiscated a trunk containing the marijuana.

The Massachusetts State Police said the shipment had been flown into Bradley International Airport, in Connecticut, and the Connecticut State Police with the aid of a police Dog had detected the shipment. It had been shipped from Arizona.

The Massachusetts State Police and Greenfield Police were alerted to the shipment and made the arrest after the trunk had arrived at the Franklin St. address, both Miss Herbert and Mr. Watkins were present.

The two were charged with possession of marijuana being present where the drug is illegally kept, intent to sell, and conspiracy to violate a narcotic drug law. They pleaded not guilty to all charges in an arraignment before Judge Samuel Blassberg at Greenfield District Court Feb. 2, and were ordered held on \$20,000 bail. Trial date was set for Feb. 26.

State Police termed the raid "the largest shipment of marijuana to date" in Western Massachusetts, and estimated its street value at between fifty and sixty thousand dollars.

All students are invited to attend the Boutique; transportation will be provided by the school. Miss Campbell suggests that if there is enough response to this field trip, subsequent trips to other large cities and individual companies can be scheduled.

New Government Report On Pot Notes Uses

A federal survey of marijuana usage revealed that one-third of the students on American college campuses have tried marijuana and that one-seventh used it regularly. The finding was printed in a special report to the New York Times Tuesday, Feb. 2, by Richard D. Lyons.

The report stated that:

1. The use of marijuana is on the increase in the United States, but this increase has slowed in the past year or two.
2. In some areas of the country, such as the West Coast, the use of marijuana seems to have "crested".
3. Marijuana is being studied for use in clinical medicine, including its use as a pain-reliever for persons with terminal cancer.

The New York Times stated that questionnaires were given to 10,000 students at 50 colleges campuses throughout the country. Results showed that 31 per cent of the students had tried marijuana at least once, and 14 per cent of the students "had used it every week or two" during the period in which the study was conducted last year.

Of the 14 per cent who used it regularly, 79 per cent said that they found the continued use "satisfying". Also seventy-nine per cent of the students questioned considered alcohol to be "satisfying".

Dr. Bertram Brown, who made the findings public, said there was a wide variation in the effects of marijuana on the user. The times quotes Dr. Brown as saying, "A small percentage may have anxiety attacks, but in a healthy population the number would be very few". When asked if a pattern had been discerned in those persons who had had extreme emotional reactions, he answered, "Yes, those who were about to crack anyway".

The Times mentioned that the report stated marijuana had been used in medicine for 5000 years, and that it was now being used in experimental treatment of alcoholism, high blood pressure, and uncontrollable fevers, as well as a "useful agent for the management of terminal cancer patients".

The paper also quoted Dr. Brown as saying, "My opinion is that some of the components of marijuana will find therapeutic usage in the next decade."

ARE YOU IN THE ARMED FORCES?

If you are a serviceman on active duty or a Federal service employee (or the spouse, parent or child of same) and by reason of service are absent from your city or town during regular registration periods:

(1) you may register late by appearing in person before the local registrar of voters

up to 4:00 p.m. the day before the election.

(2) you may vote by absentee ballot without registering if you meet all the requirements for registration. This procedure does not register you. You must register in person when you return to your voting district.

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rights are summarized below:
WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN MASSACHUSETTS?

To vote in Massachusetts you must be registered. You may register if you:

- (1) are a citizen of the United States
- (2) will be at least 19 years old by election day
- (3) will have been a resident of a Massachusetts city or town for six months before an election

MAY 18-YEAR-OLDS VOTE?

An 18-year-old may vote in any federal election (for President, Vice-President, U. S. Senator or Congressman). However, at this time he is not allowed to vote in state, city or town elections.

WHERE DO YOU REGISTER?

You must apply in person (unless you are physically disabled) at your city or town hall, or at another designated place in a city ward or town precinct.

WHEN MAY YOU REGISTER?

You may register at any time except during the closed registration periods of 19 days before city, town or special state primaries or elections and 30 days before presidential primaries, state primaries and elections. Special sessions are held before all elections prior to the close of the registration period. For specific times see your local newspaper or call your town or city clerk.

WHEN IS IT NECESSARY TO RE-REGISTER?

Registration is permanent in Massachusetts. You need register only once, but — you must re-register if:

- (1) you have moved to a new city or town.
- (2) you do not respond to a June 1st notice that your name is being dropped from the annual register of voters. (Such notice is sent if your name does not appear on the listing of residents taken by census in each city and town in Massachusetts each January.)
- (3) you must correct your registration if:
 - (1) you change your name through marriage or court action (you may vote under your old name until the next January.)
 - (2) you wish to change or cancel your party affiliation.

MAY A STUDENT VOTE WHERE HE IS ATTENDING SCHOOL?

He may if he maintains his legal residence or domicile in the community, and can prove this to the satisfaction of the registrar of voters. Be sure to allow sufficient time for processing of your application and for the mails. The ballot must be returned to the city or town hall before the close of polls on election day to be counted. You may also vote ahead of time in the presence of the city or town clerk. Apply for your ballot not later than noon of the day before the election.

WHAT IF YOU NEED AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?

You may apply to your city or town clerk for an absentee ballot up to noon on the day before election if you are:

- (1) going to be away from home on election day.
- (2) living away from home (as in military service or away at school).
- (3) physically disabled.

When a ballot has been sent to you, vote in the presence of a notary and mail it in.

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Getting High On Air

In June of 1967, Rod Raubeson got lost outside of Aero Park, Wisconsin, and stopped at the airport for directions. Three hours later he was three thousand feet in the air, plummeting downward, waiting for his parachute to open.

He says that the only reason he ever made his first jump was because he didn't want to disappoint the guy that gave him directions, and who had then offered to give him instructions.

Since then Raubeson has travelled to Florida, New Jersey, Connecticut, and, more often, to Orange and Turners Falls. (The College paid his entrance fee to attend a national collegiate competition in Florida, a four-day meet held over the Thanksgiving holidays, where, Raubeson says, he met the "finest bunch of jumpers around"). He has made 181 jumps.

The first thing one wonders when watching free-fall exhibitions, is what the jumper feels during the plunge before the chute opens. When you realize that he jumps from upwards (way upwards, usually) of 6,000 feet, and that his chute opens at 2,500 feet, you know

that there must be some sensation running through his mind. "It feels like forever," says Rod with a content expression. Actually, it's about sixty seconds during which you fall about two miles, and reach speeds of from 120 to 200 miles per hour. Then the parachute opens, and the speed is reduced to 12 miles per hour in about two seconds.

Raubeson has garnered two first prizes in competition.

He is not the only jumper at the college: Brian Hawks, Jim Babble, Sue Allee, who made her first jump last fall and travelled with Rod to Florida as equipment manager, and Ted Murphy also jump at the Turners Falls airport.

Anyone considering competition jumping should first consult their optometrist. It's necessary to be able to pinpoint a four inch dish within a five meter circle from an altitude of about two miles. As a side note in this kind of weather a chill factor of from 70 to 80 degrees below zero can be expected during the descent.

Anyone interested in jumping and able to afford the thirty dollars can contact the Turners Falls Airport.

Drama Club To Present La Mancha

The Drama Club will present Dale Wasserman's "Man of La Mancha" on April 21 through 24.

"Man of La Mancha" is a play within a play set to music and is about Miguel de Cervantes and his literary invention, Don Quixote. Cervantes was a soldier, playwright, actor, tax collector, and frequently a jailbird. Throughout his life he suffered unceasing failure but was still able to rise to produce his immortal character, Don Quixote.

Wasserman first wrote "Man of La Mancha" for TV, but then rewrote it for Broadway. "the writing of 'Man of La Mancha' was an adventure," says Wasserman, "in form, technique, and in philosophy."

"To me," Wasserman says, "the most interesting aspect of the success of 'Man of La Mancha' is the fact that it plows squarely upstream against the prevailing current of philosophy in the theater. To the practitioners of those philosophies 'Man of La Mancha' must seem hopelessly naive in its espousal of illusion as man's strongest spiritual need, the most meaningful function of his imagination. But I've no unhappiness about that. 'Facts are the enemy of truth,' says Cervantes-Don Quixote. And that is precisely what I felt and mean."

The play, as it will be staged at the College, will have a cast of 35. Marylou Carroll will direct the play. Musical accompaniment will be under the direction of Grace Mayberry and will include piano and instruments. Dancers will also be featured.

Student Poetry

Bards and poets, ready your rhymes and meters. The National Poetry Press of Los Angeles, publishers of the "College Students' Poetry Anthology," has recently announced its thirtieth annual spring competition.

All collegians are eligible. There is no limit to form or theme, but shorter works are preferred by the judge because of space limitations. Each poem must be typed or printed on a separate sheet and must bear the name and home address of the student and the name and address of the college as well. You should also note the name of your English instructor.

The address is: 3210 Selby Avenue, Los Angeles, Calif. 90034.



GCC graduate Pat Griffin tells a group of students about his experience during and after his days here.

Activities--

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5:00 and 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria, Main Building. 99 cents. ALL YOU CAN EAT.

EARNING CREDITS in EUROPE

Students interested in independent study abroad for college credit in the spring, summer, or fall, should contact Student Activities. There are eight different programs from which to choose, ranging from independent study to group leadership opportunities. All the programs are organized by the Experiment in International Living in Putney, Vermont. Some scholarships are available.

SCHOOL HOURS

The College will be open to students:
Monday through Thursday: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday the College will be closed, and lastly

A CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP FOR SPECTATORS

This code is offered as a guide for junior colleges to use in promoting sportsmanship for students and other spectators. The purpose of such a code is to put the principle of the Golden Rule into operation on the athletic field.

I will treat members of visiting teams and their fans as guests and will extend to them every consideration which I would expect as a visiting fan.

I will applaud excellence in performance exhibited by either team during the contest.

GCC Graduate Tells Of His Success

By PETE LORRAINE

Pat Griffin of Downy, California, has returned to Greenfield to tell of his success as recreation therapist.

Griffin is Chief Recreation Therapist at Los Amigos, Downy, California, a nine-hundred bed hospital which is a rehabilitation center. Prior to his position as head therapist, Griffin worked with the Easter Seals Foundation for ten weeks.

After graduating from Greenfield Community College in 1964, Griffin attended Springfield College and received his Masters degree in recreation. From Springfield, Griffin graduated from Munson State Hospital. He plans enroll at Oregon University for his doctorate.

In his statement, Griffin commented: "The doors were always open at Greenfield Community College when help was needed."

Working with blind children and elderly patients, Griffin has brought out their physical good senses by means of arts and crafts which all patients enjoy in once a week. Griffin's therapeutic purpose is to motivate and activate patients by means of recreation.

I will consider the officials as the final authorities to make decisions and I will accept their decisions without demonstration.

I will take pride in promoting good sportsmanship among the spectators, players, and coaches.
neatsy keen, Mr. G.



Center Bill Richardson goes up for the sphere during the game last Saturday with Housatonic Community College. The Barons dropped that one 81 to 63.

Barons Beat North Adams JV's

The Barons skimmed past the North Adams State JV's last Monday evening, taking their second game of the second half of the season with a score of 78-72.

Coach Don Rice expressed concern over the loss of seven of the ten original starters because of academic troubles. He said that at the end of the fall term the Barons had a 6-2 record and were second in the community college league.

Coach Rice noted that since he had an "all new team" it would take a while to get them into shape.

At the end of the first half of the North Adams game, the score was 34-34. However, said Rice, "We were able to fast-break the second half and won by six points."

Tax Help Available

If you are among those few fortunate students who earn enough in the course of a year to pay Uncle Sam income tax, but who become confused by the forms and questions and details necessary to file a return, relax! Help is on the way.

The knight is shining armor is our accounting instructor, Alan Rainford, who will be in the Student Activities Office at the West Building on February 11 at 11 a.m. to help you with your tax problems and forms.

Mr. Rainford is well qualified. Before he joined our faculty he worked for the Internal Revenue Service.

And if you have any doubt as to whether or not you should be paying a federal or statement income tax this year, Mr. Rainford will be able to advise you.

REVISED SPRING SCHEDULE

Greenfield Community College RED BARONS

WOMEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL

Feb. 2 at 7:00 p.m.	North Adams State	HOME
Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m.	Keene State	HOME
Feb. 6 at 6:00 p.m.	Berkshire CC	HOME
Feb. 8 at 6:00 p.m.	Quinsigamond CC	AWAY
(bus leaves Main Building at 4:00)		
Feb. 10 at 6:00 p.m.	Keene State	AWAY
(bus leaves Main Building at 4:45)		
Feb. 13 at 6:00 p.m.	Holyoke CC	AWAY
(bus leaves Main Building at 4:30)		
Feb. 20 at 6:00 p.m.	Mt. Wachusett CC	HOME
at the High School Gym		
Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m.	UMass Varsity	AWAY
(bus leaves Main Building at 5:00)		
Feb. 24 at 7:00 p.m.	Mt. Holyoke	AWAY
(bus leaves Main Building at 5:30)		
Mar. 1 at 7:00 p.m.	Mt. Holyoke	AWAY
(bus leaves Main Building at 5:00)		

Coach: Marge Slocum
Faculty Advisor: Karen Hancock

MEN'S VARSITY BASKETBALL

Feb. 1 at 6:00 p.m.	North Adams State	AWAY
(bus leaves Main Building at 4:15)		
Feb. 6 at 8:00 p.m.	Berkshire CC	HOME
at the High School Gym		
Feb. 8 at 8:00 p.m.	Quinsigamond CC	AWAY
(bus leaves Main Building at 4:00)		
Feb. 10 at 8:00 p.m.	Stockbridge	AWAY
(bus leaves Main Building at 6:45)		
Feb. 13 at 8:00 p.m.	Holyoke CC	AWAY
(bus leaves Main Building at 4:30)		
Feb. 17 at 8:00 p.m.	Springfield Technical CC	HOME
at the High School Gym		
Feb. 19 at 6:00 p.m.	UMass Freshman	AWAY
(bus leaves Main Building at 4:45)		
Feb. 20 at 8:00 p.m.	Mt. Wachusett CC	HOME
at the High School Gym		
Feb. 23 TBA	Stockbridge	HOME
at the Junior High Gym		
Feb. 24 at 8:00 p.m.	North Adams State	HOME
at the High School Gym		

Coach: Don Rice
Faculty Advisor: Mark Stuart

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CAN IT HAPPEN HERE?

This spring the Selective Service Act of 1969 will be on the Congressional Agenda for renewal. President Nixon has stated in the past that he is in favor of abolishing the draft. And the recent restructuring of the military in terms of liberalizing the regulations and enhancing the image in general were most probably the result of suggestions by the President.

During his recent speech at the University of Nebraska, the President stated that he would ask Congress to combine the Peace Corps, Vista and other youth agencies, to form a new "super-agency", as a means of "enlisting the dedication and idealism of young Americans". Many minds immediately conjured up visions of the "super-agency" becoming a legal alternative to military service, and counted another step towards the dream of draft abolition.

A large number, if not a majority, of young people are against the draft. Their reasons range from deep-seated pacifism to simply not wanting to spend two years of their life in the military environment. We can sympathize with all these reasons, from the most idealistic to the most practical. We also feel that voluntary enlistment in a humanitarian organization (even a government-sponsored organization), would be beneficial not only to people at home and abroad, but to the individual volunteer as well.

But as the possibility, whether real or fantasized, of abolishing the draft comes closer, a single obstruction looms in its path. The professional military mind.

Having spent time in the army, and having seen this phenomenon up close, the thought of an army composed entirely of "professionals", with vast weapons arsenals at their disposal, makes my stomach light, and my heart thump off-beat. Especially after learning that the military is already spying on civilians, with "liberal" politicians as top priorities. And considering the number of military men belonging to organizations like the John Birch Society. We didn't dismiss the Khrushchev story concerning Kennedy's fear of a military coup during the Cuban crisis quite as easily as we would have liked to.

It may seem that we've become abnormally paranoid. A friend said recently that she believed the American people would react too quickly for any military takeover to be successful. We asked how the American people would react against a professional army armed with automatic weapons, artillery and air power (even we try to rule out the possibility of nuclear weapons).

But again, we are probably being alarmist. A military coup is probably the farthest thing from any general's mind. It was just a thought.

Brains And Bods

If you're a male undergraduate who admires girls with full figures but slender legs, you're probably a campus swinger.

If a hefty girl with ample legs appeals to you, chances are you're a loser in the college environment.

A preference for a moderate build may mark you as an academic ascetic — conformist, abstemious, generous, non-self-seeking.

Three University of Illinois psychologists, Jerry Wiggins, his wife Nancy, and Judith Conger Cohen, reached these conclusions after showing silhouettes of different female figures to 95 male undergraduates. The silhouettes varied in the size of the various anatomical parts. Undergraduates with certain personality traits, as revealed on standard psychological tests, tended to pick a certain type of figure as their favorite.

In two groups, what seems like a small difference in figure preference indicated a significant difference in personality. A group called by the psychologists "The Winners" preferred an ample bust, moderate to small mid-section, and moderate legs — an only slight different configuration than that admired by "The Swingers." "The Winners", however, are much more well-organized and career-oriented than their swinging colleagues.

CARE TO PROSTITUTE YOUR TALENT??

The FORUM is looking for someone to draw cartoons — political, social, comic — for monthly publication. We're also looking for some enterprising individuals to submit original crossword puzzles. Publication date for the FORUM is the end of each month. Please submit ideas by the 21st of each month. Contact Bill Ewing mornings in Room 01 in the main building.



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WHEN AND WHERE DO YOU VOTE?

The polling place in your election district and the hours, when the polls will be open are announced in the newspapers, or you may call your local town or city clerk or political party headquarters.

Exceptions:

- (1) If you have moved to a different city or town in Massachusetts within six months before the election, you may return to your former polling place to vote for state and national offices, or apply for an absentee ballot (except for primaries).
- (2) if you will be away from home on election day or cannot vote in person because of a physical disability, you may vote by absentee ballot.

MAY YOU VOTE FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT EVEN IF YOU HAVE NOT LIVED IN MASSACHUSETTS FOR SIX MONTHS?

If you moved to Massachusetts at least 30 days before a presidential election and were a registered voter (or would have been eligible to register) in the state where you lived previously, you may vote for presidential electors providing you meet the requirements for registering in Massachusetts other than residency. Go to the registrar of voters for a special application form before the close of registration. On election day you will receive a partial ballot or vote at a special machine. This procedure does not register you; you will later have to register in the usual way.

WHEN DO ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE IN MASSACHUSETTS?

Every city and town in Massachusetts will hold municipal elections in 1971. Most town elections are held during the first three months of the year; all city elections take place during the fall. Primary elections or non-partisan preliminary elections may be held in some communities. General elections for state, national and county offices are held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November in even-numbered years. Presidential primary elections are held the last Tuesday in April in presidential election years. State primaries are held the 7th Tuesday prior to the state election in even-numbered years. Voters nominate candidates for the offices to be filled by election in November.

A scene from the new Rolling Stones' movie, "Gimme Shelter," shows the Angels beating up on the flower children with cue sticks. Photo credit — Maysles Films, Inc.

New Stones' Movie Important Statement On Counter-Culture

For those trying to understand the American counter-culture, the new documentary about the Altamont free rock concert is an important statement about two very disparate elements in the counter-culture: the flower children-peace creeps and the Hell's Angels.

Filmed by the Maysles brothers and Charlotte Zwerin and featuring the Rolling Stones, "Gimme Shelter" starts as a documentary of the "Woodstock" genre and ends as a statement about senseless violence of the "In Cold Blood" genre.

The Stones had originally wanted the concert to be held in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park as a "gift to the city and its culture." That site not being available, it was decided to hold it at the Sears Point Raceway, but the owner of that acreage got cold feet, and this inclemency along with other flak being raised by a hassle over filming rights forced the concert to Altamont.

They came in rolling, overpowering waves of humanity — 300,000 of them. Mick Jagger remarks in the film that the concert was "just an excuse for sleeping together and getting stoned, and having a nice evening out." As the camera panned out over the mass and then focused down on small groups and individuals, acid sellers and mescaline panders could be seen, hawking their wares like a pieman to a collegiate Simple Simon at a Faustian fair. A couple embraced on the ground; the guy held a Doberman by a leash with one hand, while the other hand roamed over the chick's bosom in groping embrace.

Tina Turner belted out, "You've got what I want. You've got what I need," while massaging to electronic erection the mike through which she was singing.

It was a freaky, erotic scene, a primal cultic rite, the sensual rhythms of which provoked atavistic responses deep in the collective unconscious of the mass, eliciting the most basic of body English and outcries of pain and ecstasy.

These were indeed the children of the Electronic Age, bound by the circuits and transistors of the guitar amplifiers to the nervous system of the singing, prancing

Mick Jagger. A nude girl danced to orgasm, her breasts striking out wildly at the inhibitions of her fathers. A freaked out fellow jerked his head with the rhythm of the noose which had cut him of from main stream America.

At one point in the film Jagger remarked, "Everytime we get to a number, something happens."

The misanthropic Hell's Angels, who couldn't be kept away, had been hired by the Stones on advice of the Grateful Dead, to police the concert. The fee: \$500 worth of beer. But the Angels couldn't handle their policing powers, and the same music which moved the peace creeps to erotic or religious visions moved the Angels to violence.

Throughout the concert sporadic fights had broken out. Jagger had pleaded from the stage to play it cool. But there was too much bad blood between the creeps and the Angels. During one scuffle, a flower child pulled out a revolver; an Angel pulled a knife. The result: the murder of Meredith Hunter.

You can see it for yourself. There was no script for the scene; the Maysles brothers and Charlotte Zwerin had not planned it that way. An alert camera man caught the scene by chance, and right before your very eyes: The Great American Story.

"Gimme Shelter" is a documentary designed to show it like it is. The film makers make no editorial comment — not even the editorial comment of subtle cutting and editing. The technique used to called "direct cinema." The denouement moves haltingly, confusingly at the beginning of the film. It would help if the viewer knew the Altamont story before he saw the film; this viewer did not.

But as the film proceeds, its action is quickened by the tempo of the music and comes to its climax in the killing.

The closing scene shows the crowd dispersing, winding along the Altamont hills back to the cars and the highway. The background music is "Gimme Shelter" — a Stones' song. It is meant to serve as a warning, the film's makers said in a press conference after the special Boston preview.